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<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b> (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)		Application Number	09/453,592
		Filing Date	December 3, 1999
		First Named Inventor	Satoshi Kitayama, et al.
		Group Art Unit	2878
		Examiner Name	Hill, B.
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**ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)**

- ☒ Transmitted herewith is Amendment "A".  
☒ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3)	(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	10	-	20	0	<input type="checkbox"/> x \$9.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x \$18.00	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1	-	3	0	<input type="checkbox"/> x \$42.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x \$84.00	\$0.00
	APPLICATION AMENDED TO CONTAIN ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS NOT PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR.			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> x \$140.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x \$280.00 ONE TIME	\$0.00
	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00

- ☒ Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2001 for one month(s) so that the period for response is extended to December 20, 2001. A check including the \$110.00 extension fee is enclosed.
- ☐ A check including the \$\_\_\_\_\_ additional claim fee is enclosed.
- ☐ A check including the \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. §1.321 is attached.
- ☐ A check including the \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.312(b) is attached.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee and any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT**

Dated: December 18, 2001

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: BOX FEE AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C. 20231 on this date December 18, 2001.

Dated: December 18, 2001

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